

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1-5 and 19 have been cancelled. Claims 7 and 9-18 are pending and under consideration.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

Claims 1-5 and 19 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hirst (US 5,627,722) in view of Oguma et al. (US 2002/0064390), in view of Osaka (US 5,051,866) and further in view of Tanizaki (JP 2001-356553).

Claims 1-5 and 19 have been cancelled.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that claims 7 and 9-18 have been allowed.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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